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## IMAP admits Preeminent Central American M&A boutique to Membership

*Mesoamerica serves the strategic advisory market in Central America for mergers and acquisitions.*

Tampa Bay, Florida (October 25, 2007) – The International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP) announces the admission of a new member firm from Central America into its organization. Mesoamerica provides strategic advisory and M&A services throughout Central America and the western part of the Caribbean. In less than 10 years since its formation, Mesoamerica has developed the reputation for being the advisor of choice for mergers and acquisitions representing both local companies that are looking for a strategic partner or an exit and multinational companies interested in entering the market.

“We are very pleased to welcome Mesoamerica into the IMAP organization,” said IMAP president Karl Fesenmeyer at IMAP’s recent meeting in Prague, Czech Republic. “The Mesoamerica team exactly represents the type of experienced advisory and client-centered approach that fits the rest of the IMAP organization. Our IMAP members look forward to the ability to assist Mesoamerica clients throughout the rest of the world and to better be able to serve IMAP offices with projects in Central America.”

The addition of Mesoamerica strengthens the IMAP coverage within Latin America. “With Mesoamerica now as a part of the IMAP team in Latin America, we have very strong coverage from Mexico to Argentina,” said Alfredo Jose Rizo, IMAP’s Latin America council chair. “This is important because business activity is developing rapidly over the entire region. This makes IMAP well positioned to serve clients with all their M&A projects within the region.”

**About Mesoamerica:** Mesoamerica is headquartered in San Jose, Costa Rica with 28 full-time professionals and 9 support staff. It was formed in 1996 and strives to be the catalyst for transformation of Central American companies. Creating value for its clients and investors by emphasizing strategic focus, Mesoamerica has become the region’s leading firm in mergers and acquisitions. The company provides its services to clients in Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic.

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**About IMAP:** The International Network of M&A Partners (IMAP) is an exclusive global organization of leading Merger & Acquisition Advisory firms. Formed in 1973, IMAP is comprised of 62 firms with 101 offices in 34 countries including North and South America, Eastern and Western Europe, Australia, and Asia. IMAP advisors completed 218 transactions in 2006 with an aggregate transaction value of \$6.3 billion.

IMAP advisors provide strategic merger, acquisition, divestiture and related corporate finance services. Sellers of mid-size companies and corporate acquirers alike rely upon IMAP for essential local market knowledge and industry expertise delivered with unparalleled global reach.

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